

House Study Bill 663

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements of the department of human
2 services involving electronic benefits transfer and
3 authorization for certain employee positions and providing an
4 effective date.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 234.12A, subsection 1, Code Supplement
1 2 2005, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. The department of human services shall maintain an
1 4 electronic benefits transfer program utilizing electronic
1 5 funds transfer systems. The program shall at a minimum
1 6 provide for all of the following:
1 7 a. ~~A that a~~ retailer shall not be required to make cash
1 8 disbursements or to provide, purchase, or upgrade electronic
1 9 funds transfer system equipment as a condition of
1 10 participation in the program.
1 11 b. ~~A retailer providing electronic funds transfer system~~
~~1 12 equipment for transactions pursuant to the program shall be~~
~~1 13 reimbursed seven cents for each approved transaction pursuant~~
~~1 14 to the program utilizing the retailer's equipment.~~
1 15 c. ~~A retailer that provides electronic funds transfer~~
~~1 16 system equipment for transactions pursuant to the program and~~
~~1 17 who makes cash disbursements pursuant to the program utilizing~~
~~1 18 the retailer's equipment shall be paid a fee of seven cents by~~
~~1 19 the department for each cash disbursement transaction by the~~
~~1 20 retailer.~~
1 21 Sec. 2. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 6, subsection
1 22 2, is amended to read as follows:
1 23 2. The department may use a portion of the moneys credited
1 24 to the FIP account under this section as necessary for
1 25 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes ~~and~~
~~1 26 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions~~
~~1 27 which are in addition to any other full-time equivalent~~
~~1 28 positions authorized in this division of this Act:~~
1 29 FTEs 17.33
1 30 , and the department may transfer moneys available to the
1 31 department from the FIP account to the appropriations made in
1 32 this Act for field operations and general administration as
1 33 necessary to implement and operate the services funded through
1 34 the FIP account.
1 35 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this Act amending
2 1 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, being deemed of immediate
2 2 importance, takes effect upon enactment.
2 3 EXPLANATION
2 4 This bill relates to requirements of the department of
2 5 human services involving electronic benefits transfer and
2 6 authorization for certain employee positions.
2 7 Code section 234.12A, relating to the electronic benefits
2 8 transfer (EBT) program, is amended to eliminate the
2 9 requirement for payment of transfer fees to retailers. The
2 10 EBT program is utilized primarily for federal food assistance
2 11 benefits.
2 12 The specific full-time equivalent employee authorization in
2 13 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 6, providing for
2 14 expenditure of family investment program account funding by
2 15 the department, is eliminated and replaced with a general
2 16 authorization for transfer of funding to the appropriations
2 17 for general administration and field operations as necessary

2 18 to operate the programs and services funded by the FIP
2 19 account. This provision takes effect upon enactment.
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